

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A transport device (10) for transporting ~~sheets~~ valuable documents, in particular bank notes and check forms, having pairs of belts comprising at least two endless belts and rotatable rolls to guide and to drive the belts, a transport path for the transport of one or more ~~sheets~~ valuable documents being formed between the belts, and the transport direction of the ~~sheets~~ valuable documents being determined by the direction of rotation of the rolls,

~~characterized by~~ wherein

- a. a first belt transport unit (15) comprising at least one first belt (12) and at least one second belt (14), the first belt (12) being guided by rolls (16, 18) and the second belt (14) being guided by rolls (20, 22), and a transport path for ~~sheets~~ valuable documents being formed between the belts (12, 14), and

- b. a second belt transport unit (5) comprising at least one first belt (26) which is guided by rolls (28, 30), and at least two second belts (32, 38), which are guided by rolls (36, 34) and rolls (40, 42), the belt (32) forming with the belt (26) a first belt transport section (33), and the belt (38) forming with the belt (26) a second belt transport section (39), and a transport path for ~~sheets~~ valuable documents being formed between the belts of the first and second belt transport section (33, 39), and

c. the second belt transport unit (5) being arranged transversely with respect to the first belt transport unit ~~(5)~~ (15), and

d. a ~~sheet~~ valuable document which is transported along the transport path of the first belt transport unit (15) in the direction of the second belt transport unit (5) and striking the belt (26) with its leading edge being transferred into the first belt transport section (33) or the second belt transport section (39), depending on the direction of rotation of the rolls (28, 30; 36, 34; 40, 42).

2. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rolls (34) and the rolls (40) of the first and second belt transport section (33, 39) are arranged so close beside one another that a ~~sheet~~ valuable document can be transported from one belt transport section (33, 39) into the respective other belt transport section (39, 33).

3. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, by means of controlling the direction of rotation of the rolls (28, 30; 36, 34; 40; 42) of the second belt transport unit (5), one or more ~~sheet-stacks~~ of valuable documents can be formed between the belts (26, 32, 38) of the second belt transport unit (5) and can be moved along the second belt transport unit (5).

4. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ **characterized in that** claim 1, wherein the distance between the belt (26), on the one hand, and the belts (32, 38) of the second belt transport unit (5), on the other hand, can be adjusted in such a way that ~~sheet~~ stacks of valuable documents of different heights can be formed and transported between the belts (26, 32, 38).
5. (Currently Amended) The transport device (10) as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ **characterized in that** claim 1, wherein the roll (16) of the first belt transport unit (15) and the roll (34) of the second belt transport unit (5) are arranged on a common axle (44).
6. (Currently Amended) The transport device (10) as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ **characterized in that** claim 1, wherein the roll (20) of the first belt transport unit (15) and the roll (40) of the second belt transport unit (5) are arranged on a common axle (46).
7. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~ **characterized in that** claim 1, wherein an adjustable guide element (72) is provided, which can be adjusted from a neutral position, in which it has no influence on the ~~sheet~~ valuable document transport, into a deflection position, in which it projects into the path of a ~~sheet~~ valuable document transported in one of the sections (33, 39) of the second belt transport unit (5) in the direction of

the inner end of the latter and deflects said ~~sheet~~ valuable document by the leading edge into the first belt transport unit (15).

8. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, characterized in that claim 1, wherein~~ it is arranged in an appliance (58) for paying bank notes in and/or out.
9. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim ~~[[9]] 8, characterized in that wherein~~ the appliance (58) for paying in and/or out has a safe (64), the second belt transport unit (5) is arranged outside the safe (64), and the first belt transport unit (15) is led through an opening (70) in the wall of the safe (64).
10. (Currently Amended) The transport device as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9, characterized in that wherein~~ the outer end of the first wall of the second section (33, 39) of the second belt transport unit is formed as an input point (62) and/or output point for bank notes.
11. (New) The transport device as claimed in claim 2, wherein, by means of controlling the direction of rotation of the rolls of the second belt transport unit (5), one or more stacks of valuable documents can be formed between the belts of the second belt transport unit (5) and can be moved along the second belt transport unit (5).

12. (New) The transport device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the outer end of the first wall of the second section (33, 39) of the second belt transport unit (5) is formed as an input point (62) and/or output point for bank notes.